Serial No. 10/773,867

2

Art Unit: 3611 Examiner: Anne Marie M. Boehler

In the claims:

1-9 (Canceled)

10. (Previously Presented) A resilient pad structure mounted from a support weldment comprising:

a unitary resilient pad having opposite ground engaging surfaces, one of which is adapted to be in a downwardly facing orientation for ground engagement;

a plurality of support posts extending from said resilient pad at spaced intervals and each engaged in a direction orthogonal to the ground engaging surface for mating with an accommodating open receiving slot disposed along a bottom edge of said weldment; and

at least one securing member that is connectable between said resilient pad and said weldment for holding said resilient pad to said weldment.

- 11. (Original) A stabilizer pad structure as set forth in claim 10 wherein said support posts extend from opposite sides of said resilient pad.
- 12. (Original) A stabilizer pad structure as set forth in claim 10 wherein said support posts are spaced along opposite support sides of said resilient pad and along a linear locus.
- 13. (Original) A stabilizer pad structure as set forth in claim 10 wherein said resilient pad has a plurality of passages therethrough, each for receiving an elongated support member, the opposite free ends of which form said support posts.
- 14. (Original) A stabilizer pad structure as set forth in claim 10 including an adaptor plate disposed between the resilient pad and weldment.
- 15. (Canceled)

Serial No. 10/773,867 3 Art Unit: 3611 Examiner: Anne Marie M. Boehler

16. (Previously Presented) A stabilizer pad structure as set forth in claim 10 wherein said resilient pad is formed of pad sections of different hardness.

- 17. (Original) A stabilizer pad structure as set forth in claim 10 wherein said weldment has grouser points.
- 18. (Previously Presented) A resilient stabilizer pad comprising:

a resilient pad member having opposite ground engaging surfaces, one of which is adapted to be in a downwardly facing orientation for ground engagement, and having opposite support surfaces; and

a plurality of mounting lugs that are permanently affixed with said pad member including one lug set extending from one support surface side of said resilient pad member for releasable engagement with a corresponding open receiving slot set disposed along a bottom edge of one support plate of a weldment, and another lug set extending from an opposite support surface side of said resilient pad member for releasable engagement with a corresponding open receiving slot set disposed along a bottom edge of another support plate of a weldment.

- 19. (Previously Presented) A resilient stabilizer pad as set forth in claim 18 wherein said resilient pad has a plurality of passages therethrough, each for receiving an elongated support member, the opposite free ends of which form said support lugs, and wherein the elongated support members are fixed in said passages in both a mounted and dismounted position of said resilient pad.
- 20. (Original) A resilient stabilizer pad as set forth in claim 18 wherein said support lugs are spaced along opposite support sides of said resilient pad and along a linear locus.

4 Art Unit: 3611

Examiner: Anne Marie M. Boehler

21. (Previously Presented) A resilient pad structure for mounting from a support weldment at a series of slots in respective plate members of the weldment, said resilient pad structure comprising:

Serial No. 10/773,867

a resilient pad having opposite ground engagable surfaces, one at a time of which is adapted to be in a downwardly facing orientation for ground engagement while the other surface is out of ground engagement;

said resilient pad also having opposite support surfaces that are disposed generally transverse to said ground engagable surfaces;

said resilient pad further having respective mounted and dismounted positions relative to said weldment;

a plurality of support rods extending through said resilient pad and disposed in a pattern corresponding to and for engagement at respective ends thereof with said series of slots of said weldment;

said support rod ends extending beyond respective opposite support surfaces of said resilient pad for engagement with said slots;

said support rods being fixed with said resilient pad in both the mounted and dismounted position of said resilient pad;

each said plate member slot comprising an open receiving slot extending in the plane of said plate member at an edge thereof;

each said support rod end for mating engagement with an open receiving slot.

- 22. (Previously Presented) A resilient pad structure as set forth in claim 21 including at least one securing member that is connectable between said resilient pad and said weldment for holding said resilient pad to said weldment.
- 23. (Previously Presented) A resilient pad structure as set forth in claim 22 wherein said securing member comprises at least one retaining pin that extends through the resilient pad and a hole in each plate of the weldment.

Serial No. 10/773,867 5 Art Unit: 3611 Examiner: Anne Marie M. Boehler

24. (Previously Presented) A resilient pad structure as set forth in claim 21 wherein said resilient pad comprises a laminated pad including a plurality of resilient pad layers inter-engaged by at least said support rods to form a unitary resilient pad.

- 25. (Previously Presented) A resilient pad structure as set forth in claim 21 wherein said resilient pad comprises a molded pad having the support rods pass therethrough for support of said resilient pad.
- 26. (Previously Presented) A resilient pad structure as set forth in claim 21 wherein said support rods are force fit in accommodating holes in said resilient pad.
- 27. (Previously Presented) A resilient pad structure as set forth in claim 21 including a sleeve on each end of each said support rod.
- 28. (Previously Presented) A resilient pad structure as set forth in claim 21 wherein the support rod has a roughened surface to enhance engagement with the resilient pad.
- 29. (Previously Presented) A resilient pad structure as set forth in claim 21 including at least one side plate for holding the support rod in place.
- 30. (Previously Presented) A resilient pad structure as set forth in claim 10 wherein said securing member comprises an elongated securing pin that extends through said resilient pad between spaced plate members of the weldment.

Serial No. 10/773,867 6 Art Unit: 3611 Examiner: Anne Marie M. Boehler

31. (Previously Presented) A resilient pad structure as set forth in claim 10 wherein each slot is non-circular.

- 32. (Previously Presented) A resilient pad structure as set forth in claim 10 wherein each slot has an open side which receives the post by sliding laterally into the open slot.
- 33. (Previously Presented) A resilient pad structure as set forth in claim 10 wherein said resilient pad is formed of a laminate of a plurality of resilient pad layers, and said support posts are formed by plural rods that are force-fit within passages of said resilient pad layers to maintain said layers together.
- 34. (Previously Presented) A resilient stabilizer pad as set forth in claim 18 including a securing member that comprises an elongated securing pin that extends through said resilient pad between the support plates of the weldment.
- 35. (Previously Presented) A resilient stabilizer pad as set forth in claim 18 wherein each slot has an open side which receives the lug by sliding laterally into the open slot.
- 36. (Previously Presented) A resilient pad structure as set forth in claim 18 wherein said resilient pad is formed of a laminate of a plurality of resilient pad layers, and said mounting lugs are formed by plural rods that are force-fit within passages of said resilient pad layers to maintain said layers together.
- 37. (Previously Presented) A resilient stabilizer pad for mounting to a weldment comprising: a resilient pad having opposite ground engagable surfaces, one at a time of which is adapted to be in a downwardly facing orientation for ground engagement while the other surface is out of ground engagement;

Art Unit: 3611 Examiner: Anne Marie M. Boehler

said resilient pad also having opposite support surfaces that are disposed generally transverse to said ground engagable surfaces;

said resilient pad further having respective mounted and dismounted positions relative to said weldment; and

a plurality of mounting posts that are permanently affixed with said resilient pad including at least one post extending from one support surface side of said resilient pad for releasable engagement with a corresponding slot of one support plate of the weldment, and at least another post extending from an opposite support surface side of said resilient pad for releasable engagement with a corresponding slot of another support plate of the weldment;

said mounting posts being maintained fixed with said resilient pad in both the mounted and dismounted position of said resilient pad;

each said support plate slot comprising an open receiving slot extending in the plane of said support plate at an edge thereof;

each said mounting post for mating engagement with an open receiving slot.

- 38. (Previously Presented) A resilient stabilizer pad as set forth in claim 37 wherein said resilient pad has at least one passage therethrough for receiving an elongated support member, the opposite free ends of which form said mounting posts.
- 39. (Previously Presented) A resilient pad structure as set forth in claim 37 wherein said resilient pad is formed of a laminate of a plurality of resilient pad layers, and said mounting posts are formed by plural rods that are force-fit within passages of said resilient pad layers to maintain said layers together.